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lectures that Dr. Kelman brings his particular contribution to the material of homiletics. The first chapter is especially valuable. It is concerned with the reality of the work of the preacher. One feels after reading it that the ministry is vital business and that the church has not failed to touch life at its center, in spite of all the criticism that has been urged against it. In the middle of page 21 is a sentence that seems obscure; what does "outwith" mean—or perhaps it is a bungling of the words "out of touch with." We have read many an appeal for the validation of preaching at the bar of experience; but chapter ii is the best at hand. It is most vital. Then come two chapters in which the general influence of the war upon the soldier's creed is studied. These interpretations are useful for the preacher who desires to keep his message in tune with the thought of his generation. We feel that here is a noble preacher appealing for noble preaching. The book is not well unified, although it is all worth while. It is a shame not to have an index for such a volume. Even the low price for which the book is sold does not warrant binding it in paper; but the soft brown tone of the cover is attractive. It keeps up to the high level of the Yale lectures.

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EDWARDS, LOREN M. *The Spectrum of Religion*. New York: Methodist Book Concern, 1919. 159 pages. \$0.75.

So far as this study of religion is of real value, it is due to the fact that the minister who wrote it used a large number of replies to questions, 233 in all, which were directed to all sorts and conditions of men throughout the country. So he calls the product the result of "a pastor's clinic in religion." There are seven chapters, each with an attractive title; for example, "The Religion of the Upward Reach," and "The Religion of the Burning Heart." One is aware of the preacher all the time in the treatment of the material. It is a sane and most attractive picture of religion that is given here. One is confident that religion is integral to human nature; that Jesus is the most normal expression of religion. This is an excellent book to put into the hands of young people who are trying to think through their problems, for it is a clear and friendly discussion of its great subject.

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